

Baran fails to be a prior art reference of the present application. The present application has a priority date of August 28, 2000. The present application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/935,550, filed August 24, 2001, which, in turn, claims priority to South African Application 2000/4452, filed August 28, 2000. Baran has a publication date of 2002. Since the present application has a priority date more than one year before Baran, Baran is not prior art of the present application under any part of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103. Accordingly, claims 11, 12, 14 and 17-20 are not obvious from Howard in view of Baran under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as Baran is not prior art of the present application.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 11, 12, 14 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Response to the Double Patenting Rejection

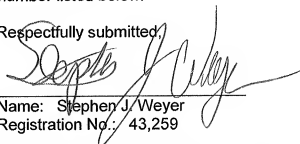
Claims 11, 12, 14 and 17-20 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting, in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,638,539 (hereinafter "the '539 patent") and 7,285,292 (hereinafter "the '292 patent").

Without addressing the merits of the double patenting rejections, and in order to advance prosecution of the present application to allowance, with this Amendment, Applicants have submitted Terminal Disclaimers on the '539 and '292 patents, thereby obviating the double patenting rejections.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner come to a contrary conclusion, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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